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COMPLETION OF THE TOWN OF CLARESHOLM AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WILLOW CREEK INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ANNOUNCED

The Council's of the Municipal District of Willow Creek and the Town of Claresholm announce the successful completion of the Town of Claresholm and the Municipal District of Willow Creek Intermunicipal Development Plan Agreement.

On April 1, 2018 amendments to the Municipal Government Act required all municipalities in Alberta to establish an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement with all municipalities who share a common boundary. Additionally, an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement is not deemed to be complete unless an Intermunicipal Development Plan is established. The Intermunicipal Development Plans must include those areas of land lying within the municipalities as they consider necessary and address:

- The future land use within the area,
- The manner of and the proposals for future development in the area,
- The provision of transportation systems for the area, either generally or specifically,
- The co-ordination of intermunicipal programs relating to the physical, social and economic development of the area,
- Environmental matters within the area, either generally or specifically, and
- Any other matter related to the physical, social, or economic development of the area that the councils consider necessary.

In addition to these statutory obligations this innovative and visionary Intermunicipal Development Plan provides for joint economic development opportunities through the provision of water and waste water servicing, provides enhanced residential, industrial and commercial development potential within the intermunicipal development plan area located within the M.D. of Willow Creek and provides for permitted and discretionary uses which are compatible to the new "Residential Growth Area" and "Commercial / Industrial Growth Area" land use districts while providing assurance that existing agricultural, commercial and residential land uses that are currently present may continue.

With the adoption of the Intermunicipal Development Plan the Council's of both the Town of Claresholm and the Municipal District of Willow Creek believe that intermunicipal planning will witness enhanced communication and collaboration on planning issues for the benefit of the citizens, business and industry in both communities for many years to come.

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